



St Andrew's Church

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The Third Sunday in Lent 8th March 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

10.30am Worship All Together

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Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon: Helen Bryant, Ordinand

12.30pm PCC meeting

6.00pm Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Reflection: Sue Goddard, Licensed Reader

Welcome to St Andrew's - may God's peace be with you

If you have felt something special in this service and want to talk about faith, have a chat with one of the clergy or ministers after the service.

Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; a link to online giving is on the back of this notice sheet.

Collect:

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the Lord, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the Lord?

And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Then cometh Jesus to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?

behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him

that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.
And many more believed because of his own word;
And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy
saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is in-
deed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. .

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M,
Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, David, S.M, Faith F,
Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Elizabeth I,
Patricia T, David P

News and Notices

Any item to be included should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12noon

Electoral Roll If you a regular at any of our services we would love to have you on the Electoral Roll, our contact list of worshippers at St Andrew's. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash

Do you have any leftover wool or fabric that you are never going to use—if you do the Yarnbombers are collecting. You can bring into church for Joyce or take straight to Wild and Free in Bank Street--thanks.

The next **Rosebuds** will be 18th March 7pm at Satchmo's Corner.

Easter Lilies If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of the Easter lilies, maybe in memory of a loved one, please leave with the wardens or the office. If you are able to gift aid, please complete your details on a yellow envelope and mark as Easter flowers.

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

Bereavement Point 2pm - 3.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!). Opportunity for group conversation and relationship building where everyone is welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>



Church Mice Stay and Play Group Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrew's. 10-11.30am Fridays (term time) for ages 0-4 years and it's free. Please spread the news where you can. Volunteers are warmly welcome, have a chat with Lydia, Joyce or Heather for more information. Thank you.

Together for the Church of England is a group supporting greater equality and inclusion in the church. A local meeting is being held at St Mary's, Walsgrave at 7pm on Wednesday 18th March. All welcome—speak to one of the clergy if you would like a lift.

The St Andrew's 100 Club The 11th draw took place on Sunday 1st March with the winning tickets being 101 - Eloise Khumalo, 104 - Tiago Ferreria and Joyce Woodings. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, why not consider joining for next year 2026 / 27, Renewal and Application Forms are available NOW when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the thirty one winners to date. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your support, John, Helen and Sonia.

Lent at St Andrew's

Thursdays in Lent 5.30pm Reflective Prayer, 6pm Lent Eucharist

Big Table Gospel Group will be reading David Ford's, Meeting God in John: A Companion for Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Beyond. All are welcome. It meets on alternate Thursday & Friday mornings at 10am starting Friday 20th February.

English Mystics Following on from the success of last year's series of webinars on Women Mystics, this spring we are sharing in a series of talks led by experts from Sarum College. We meet in the Lady Chapel on Mondays between 7.30 and 9pm. All welcome.

30th March — The Cloud of Unknowing with Becky Field
27th April — William Blake with Mark Vernon
25th May — Evelyn Underhill with Jane Shaw

A booklet, ***Draw Near: Life-giving Habits for Lent***, is available at the back of church. It focuses on the habits and practices that are essential to what it means to be a Christian—Do please take a copy for a suggested donation of £3.

Finally, during Lent we will experiment with reintroducing the passing of collection plates at the offertory. If you give regularly by Parish Giving, standing order or by our QR code, please do take one of the cards as you enter church, so that you can place this in the plate as a sign of your offering.



Diary for the week 9th - 15th March	
Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon	
Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting & crochet drop-in group 10.30am Art with Aish 6.30pm Community Singers 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice	Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Reflective Eucharist 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 12.00pm Midday Eucharist 2.15pm Mothers' Union 5.00pm Young Choristers	Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel group 5.30pm Lent Reflective Prayer 6.00pm Eucharist 7.15pm Choir practice
Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Church Mice	Saturday 10.30am Second Saturday Songs
Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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